

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE HEALTH BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING OF TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 11, 2003

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BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/JOINT MEETING

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 381B

OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

11:30 A.M.

Present: Supervisors Gloria Molina, Zev Yaroslavsky, Don Knabe, Michael
D. Antonovich and Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Chair

Absent: None

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Report by the Director of Heath Services on the financial
status
of the Department.

PRESENTED
DISCUSSIONS
DR. THOMAS L. GARTHWAITE, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES,
TO THE BOARD AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE COUNTY'S
WITH THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS ON THE COUNTY'S HEALTH
CRISIS AND AN UPDATE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S FISCAL OUTLOOK, AS
DETAILED IN HIS MEMO DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2003.

ON RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERVISORS YAROSLAVSKY AND MOLINA THE
BOARD TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

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1. REQUIRED THAT ANY PLAN PRESENTED TO THE BOARD, TO KEEP
RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER OPEN
PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT OWNERSHIP INCLUDE FIRM COMMITMENTS FOR
FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, DOWNSIZING AND COST ADJUSTMENTS,
SOLID BUSINESS PLAN FOR OPERATING WHILE TRANSITIONING TO
NON-PROFIT STATUS, AND PROFORMA FINANCIALS WHICH
DEMONSTRATE THE VIABILITY OF THE HOSPITAL UNDER NON-PROFIT
GOVERNANCE; AND

2. INSTRUCTED THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, AT EACH
SUBSEQUENT MEETING OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, TO PRESENT A DETAILED REPORT ON

THE

DEPARTMENT

JUNE.

STATUS OF DEPARTMENT-WIDE COST SAVINGS WHICH THE

HAS COMMITTED TO ACHIEVE, AND THE BOARD APPROVED LAST

THIS INCLUDES \$37 MILLION IN SAVINGS EXPECTED TO BE
ACHIEVED AT LAC+USC AND MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITALS

ALONE,

AS WELL AS SAVINGS IN THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTERS,
HEALTH CENTERS, PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, PSYCHIATRIC
SERVICES, PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP VISITS,

ADMINISTRATIVE

COSTS, AND OTHER CATEGORIES

Absent: None

Vote: Unanimously carried

[See Final Action](#)

AFTER DISCUSSION, ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA THE BOARD TOOK
THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

1.WENT ON RECORD IN SUPPORT OF SB 108 (ROMERO), LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH A FIVE-CENT FEE PER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE DISTRIBUTED IN CALIFORNIA TO FUND TRAUMA CENTERS AND EMERGENCY ROOMS;

2.INSTRUCTED THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD TO SEND LETTER SIGNED BY THE BOARD TO SENATOR DEBORAH ORTIZ, CHAIR OF THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, AND TO MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND

GOVERNOR

DAVIS, URGING SUPPORT OF SB 108; AND

3.AGREED TO SPONSOR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD GIVE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AUTHORITY FOR AN INCREASED SALES TAX AND AUTHORITY TO TAX THE SALE OF BEER, WINE AND DISTILLED SPIRITS WHEN THEY ARE SOLD FOR CONSUMPTION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERATING REVENUE DEDICATED FOR THE COUNTY'S HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEM; AND INSTRUCTED THE COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES IN SACRAMENTO TO SECURE AN AUTHOR AND ENSURE INTRODUCTION IN THE CURRENT LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Absent: None

Vote: Supervisors Knabe and Antonovich voted no on this action.

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Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. **NONE**

Meeting adjourned (Following Board Order No. 3 at 2:25 p.m.). The next Special Health Department Budget Committee of the Whole/Joint Meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be

Tuesday,

March 18, 2003 at 11:30 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Tuesday, February 18, 2003 at 9:30 a.m.

The foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the Special Health

Department Budget Committee of the Whole/Joint Meeting held February 11, 2003, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS

Executive Officer-Clerk

of the Board of Supervisors

By

ROBIN A. GUERRERO

Chief, Board Operations Division
